

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
BOROUGH OF CLOSTER, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, April 27, 2009, 8:00 p.m.

I. Mr. Douglas Radick, Chairman, called the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Borough of Closter, New Jersey held on Monday April 27, 2009 in the municipal chambers of the Borough Hall to order at 8:07 p.m. He stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

II. Mr. Radick invited all persons present to join the Board members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. The following Board members and liaisons were present at the meeting:

Doug Radick  
Irene Stella  
Jennifer Rothschild  
Jayne Rubenfeld Waldron  
Bobbie Bouton Goldberg  
Grisha Davida  
John Kashwick, Council Liaison (8:15)

Absent: Andy Ouzoonian, Planning Board Liaison  
Orlando Tobia

MINUTES: Minutes of March 2009 adopted MSC Stella, Bouton-Goldberg

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC RE: MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA: Mr. Richard Schmidt speaks regarding the Lustron House on Durie and Legion Place. Wishes to develop the property without demolishing the Lustron house. Seeks support of the Historic Commission w/re Planning Board. He states that he does not wish to create hard feelings. He had given the Borough six months with which to move the Lustron anywhere it wished, but that time has expired. Shows the Commission his plans for developing the property. The resultant building lots adjacent to the Lustron would be: existing would be 10,331.61 sq. ft. Other lots (Durie) would be 8,902.29 sq. ft., and the Legion Place would be 7501 sq. ft. Mr. Schmidt indicated that a deed restriction or the like would be placed on the remaining Lustron lot such that the Lustron would not be demolished. Discussion. The Commission deferred a vote so as to allow more time to consider the matter.

Correspondence: A. Incoming: Letters from the County of Bergen Historic Preservation Advisory Board regarding the Historic Preservation Commendation Awards program; one rejected and one granted. (see agenda) Memo to chairman from Ethics Board asking for mailing list of members to distribute financial disclosure statements which due imminently. Discussion regarding joining National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, noting that we did so in the past. B. Outgoing: Letter with enclosures to District property owners from Commission inviting them to meet with a number of us at the Jovine gardens on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. to discuss historic designation.

VII. REPORTS.

AWARDS SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr. Radick reports that the A.J. Demarest house (Kathi Cochran) is to receive an award, but the Urso house at 250 West Street did not receive commendation for the award. Ms. Rothschild reports that the application that Bill Cahill had submitted for the library exhibit will also receive an award. Discussion about whom will attend. Mr. Radick will contact Wilson Reimers to ask him to

accept the award for the exhibit, since Bobbie will be out of town. Ms. Rothschild will e-mail the local journalists to inform them about the event and the awardees.

HISTORIC STREET SIGNS: Mr. Radick shows the color samples available for the street signs. Discussion about which shade of green would be preferable with respect to the existing color of the lamp posts downtown. Discussion. Ms. Rothschild asks about the need for additional quotes; Ms. Stella has two quotes, and states that there are a limited number of available vendors and that two is the maximum that she could obtain. Mr. Kashwick advises to include this reasoning in her purchase order request for use of the open space monies.

#### VIII. LIASON REPORTS:

PLANNING BD. Mr. Andy Ouzoonian: Absent.

COUNCIL: Mr. Kashwick: The budget was introduced at first meeting in April; the full amount that the Commission requested was presented. Discussion about Open Space funds.

ZONING: Jennifer Rothschild: Former Eckerson Carriage Factory on Old Closter Dock Road was approved for a use change to allow apartments above the business. Site plan was approved with changes to the parking. Discussion.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Bobbie Bouton-Goldberg: Event at the Belskie yesterday.

IMPROVEMENT: Irene Stella: Sign ordinance. Discussion about Closter Plaza Sign coming down. LED signs and neon signs discussed.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. WEST ST./HARRINGTON AVE. DISTRICT: See hearing date, below.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Vacancies on the Board: We have two vacancies; one is a full member position and the other is an unexpired portion of a four-year term. Publicity was done via the Northern Valley Press last month to announce Orlando Tobia joining the Commission. Michael Polemis has told Doug that he isn't interested in an HPC position; Stephanie Spencer Lee is also too busy to re-join us. Discussion about open positions and finding Closter residents versus qualified candidates from out of town. Ms. Bouton Goldberg suggests Sylva Crump, a Closter resident.

B. Designation Hearing Date: Would like to hold designation hearing in June. (June 22<sup>nd</sup>) Ms. Rothschild will check with attorney w/re the date and the notification letters.

C. Jovine Garden Event on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. (rain date Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.) Mr. Davida suggests, based upon Wayne McCabe's advice, that a carpenter, painter, mason, etc. be involved at this time, so as to answer questions about building details. Discussion. Marcia Jovine will be present. The event will be advertised in the newspaper via official notice, so there is no limit as to the number of Commissioners who can attend. Mr. Davida offered to bring a table. Ms. Stella offers to bring a coffee pot and cups. Ms. Rothschild offers to bake some things. Subcommittee for organizing this: Ms. Stella, Mr. Davida, and Mr. Radick will be members.

D. Permanent exhibit in Borough Hall. No report.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: MSC Stella, Rothschild to adjourn at 10:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted, JHR

**Addendum: List of motions passed at the April meeting:** Minutes accepted, adjournment.

**PLANS OTHERWISE MADE BY COMMISSIONERS DURING THE MEETING:** Duties assigned for Jovine garden meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with subcommittee selected – Radick, Stella and Davida.